

**Remarks:**

Claims 1, 2, 3, 10, 16, 17 have been amended and claims 16, 20-27, 29, and 31-64 have been canceled. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Claims 1-15, 17-19, 28 and 30 and currently pending.

It is believed that no fee is due for filing this Preliminary Amendment. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee from Goudreau Gage Dubuc Account N<sup>o</sup> 07-1742 / 13131.19.

Respectfully submitted,



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